



IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ICRTEC CHAIR—MAYOR CONNIE ROBINSON • ICRTAC CHAIR—TOM STRATTON • PLANNING MANAGER—CURT HUTCHINGS

MINUTES

Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

June 3, 2015, 2:00 pm

Enoch City Offices

900 E. Midvalley Road

Enoch, UT

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff
Commissioner David Miller
Commissioner Alma Adams
Mayor Constance Robinson
Mayor Donald Landes
Mayor H.C. "Dutch" Deutschlander
Mayor Robert Rasmussen

REPRESENTING:

Iron County
Iron County
Iron County
Paragonah Town
Parowan City
Brian Head Town
Enoch City

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Maile Wilson
Mayor Galen Allred

REPRESENTING:

Cedar City
Kanarraville

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Reed Erickson
Mr. Rob Dotson
Mr. Curt Hutchings
Mr. Dave Demas

REPRESENTING:

Iron County
Enoch City
Five County AOG
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I. **Quorum Declaration**

The meeting was chaired by Mayor Connie Robinson. Mayor Robinson welcomed all present and declared that there was a quorum present.

II. **Approve Minutes for January 7, 2015**

A motion was made by Mayor Donald Landes, seconded by Mayor Robert Rasmussen, to approve the January 7, 2015 Minutes of the Iron County Rural Transportation Executive Committee (ICRTEC).

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

III. **Approval of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Mr. Demas noted that although it has been discussed in previous ICRTEC and ICC (Iron County Coordinating Council) meetings that Mayor Robinson would continue as Chair and Mayor Deutschlander would continue as Vice-Chair, a motion has not been made to approve.

A motion was made by Mayor Robert Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Alma Adams, to approve the re-election of Mayor Connie Robinson as Chair and Mayor H.C. Deutschlander as Vice-Chair of the Iron County Rural Transportation Executive Committee (ICRTEC).

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. **Revised “Project Priority List 2015”**

Mr. Demas distributed a copy of the revised Project Priority List to all the committee members. He provided a brief overview of the list. He noted that the items in red indicate changes that were made in previous RTAC meetings since the last revision of the list. Under the Capacity category of the list, projects identified in red were initially for a single project but Cedar City elected to break it into several different phases for funding purposes. The new phases were added to the bottom of the category until the RTAC committee goes through the next prioritization process. Also, under the Safety category of the list, a project was added to the bottom of the category for a traffic signal at Mid-Valley Road and SR-130 in Enoch.

Commissioner Miller inquired as to why the Westview Drive project that had been previously discussed was not on the list. Mr. Demas explained that the project was discussed at the last RTAC meeting. Mr. Steve Platt and Mr. Kit Wareham are



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reviewing the project and may contact Commissioner Miller to discuss further. Once all the project information is gathered, a concept report will be prepared so the project can be added to the priority list. Mr. Demas will continue to monitor the progress of the Concept Report for the Westview Drive project. Mr. Demas asked the committee to approve the list and to approve the signing of the list by the Chair. Once the project priority list has been approved Mr. Demas will send the list to UDOT so they will have the most current list.

A motion was made by Mayor Connie Robinson, seconded by Mayor Don Landes to approve the revised Project Priority List and to approve the signing of the list by the Chair.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

V. RPO Funding For Next Fiscal Year

Mr. Demas explained that a ratification of the vote on the RPO Funding is needed. An e-mail was sent to all members to vote on the RPO Funding in order to expedite the vote to meet the budget deadline. The RPO Funding was approved by electronic vote. However, he felt that it was important to have the vote presented during the committee meeting in order to have it recorded in the meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner David Miller, seconded by Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff to ratify the decision to fund the RPO for the next fiscal year with the caveat that they will keep a good eye on the budget and not spend more than needed.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. Northern Leg of Belt Route Discussion and Update

Mr. Erickson provided an update on the alignment of the north leg of the belt route. He noted that some modifications have been made to the proposed route. He explained the need to determine an alignment now in order to accommodate the large solar power plant projects that have aligned significantly where the north leg of the belt route would be located. One example of this is the Iron Springs power plant on the north boundary of the city. Previously, 5300 West was master planned to go through the valley; however the power plant is planned for the middle of that area. So, in coordination with Cedar City, the alignment has been changed. The change involves the area where 5700 West (which is the proposed belt route) would start coming back over to 4700 West, (which is where the power line is located) 5300 West



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will 'tee' into 2400 North and terminate there. Provisions have been made in the conditional use permit to provide a 100 foot right-a-way for 2400 North to go all the way from 5700 West across the valley to the interstate. The proposed alignment along 5700 West must now go ½ mile further north due to the size of the power plant.

Mr. Erickson stressed that we need to make sure there is a master plan alignment for the belt route so the corridor can be preserved due to the large size of the proposed power plants. He has been working with Mr. Platt to identify the obstacles that will need to be resolved in order to determine the alignment and to begin acquiring the right-of-ways. He noted that there is an approximately \$2.7 million corridor preservation fund available that can be used to acquire some of the right-a-ways.

Mr. Erickson added that one of the challenges with the belt route alignment is determining the north end of the route. The two options for the end of the route are to (1) plan for a new interchange in Enoch or (2) to align with the existing Summit interchange. As 6800 North goes through the valley it does line up with the Summit interchange. He noted that the County master plan has been revised to include the new proposed Enoch interchange. In the past, it was determined that milepost 67 was the preferred location for the new interchange. So, the master plan now will accommodate both alignment options – the Summit interchange or a new interchange in Enoch; whichever occurs first as plans move along. A draft of the alignment plan will be created and brought to this committee for discussion, the Planning Commission will continue working on it and eventually it can be presented to the County Commission to be adopted. Commissioner Miller emphasized that any assistance Mr. Demas and Mr. Hutchings could provide in accommodating the solar power plants would be considered the top priority right now.

Mayor Landis inquired as to how much agricultural space is being lost due to the solar plants. Mr. Erickson responded that approximately 7,000 acres have been approved for solar development on 14 different projects. The projects vary from 20 to 1,000 acres in size. Eight of the projects are approximately 700 acres. The only project taking out current productive farm land is in Parowan. All others projects are on range land; non-productive land but it is grazing land.

Mr. Demas informed the committee that Mr. Erickson will continue to be scheduled on the RTAC meeting agenda to discuss the belt route alignment until the alignment is finalized. Commissioner Miller remarked that Mr. Erickson and Mr. Demas have the committee's full support.



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VII. Other Discussion Items

- A. Mr. Demas informed the committee that he had reviewed the current by-laws after Mayor Landes made the suggestion in the last meeting to allow a proxy vote in the event that a member is unable to attend the meeting. Upon review, Mr. Demas found that the by-laws do include a provision that allows a voting member to designate a temporary proxy to vote in his/her place. The Chair or ICRPO staff shall be notified of the proxy by the member prior to the meeting. A proxy may be appointed from a City/County Administrator, Manager, Chief of Staff, Deputy Mayor or equivalent. Mr. Demas referenced Section 5 – Voting and Meetings in the by-laws and read the entire provision to the committee. It was agreed that this provision would be very helpful so that a quorum will be present and action items can be voted on. Mr. Demas will send an e-mail out with a copy of the provision in the by-laws to all members including those who are not in attendance. Commissioner Adams asked if there was only one vote allowed between the 3 Commissioners. Mr. Demas confirmed that there is one vote only between the 3 Commissioners.
- B. Mayor Robinson asked Mr. Erickson if they have received all the funding needed to purchase the land for exits on the by-pass route around Cedar City. Mr. Erickson explained that all the land has been acquired for the south leg of the belt route from Highway 56 down to the North Interchange. The south leg project is under construction and should be completed by approximately October 2015. Now the funding can be used to acquire right-a-ways for the north leg of the route as previously discussed.

VIII. Next Meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2015 in Brian Head

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner David Miller, seconded by Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY